

Coming Events

April 7—C.S.E. Easter Concert, Star Theatre, 8 p.m.
 April 8—Rotary Club, speaker, Surg. Capt. C. Keating, R.N., 12.30 p.m.
 April 8—N.A.A.F.I. Club, Kowloon, Debater, "Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished," 8 p.m.
 April 9—H.K.F.A. Council meeting, 5.30 p.m.
 April 9—Sino-British Club, Speaker: Mr. Weinberger on "Milestones in Chinese Art," 5.30 p.m.
 April 9—Equine Sports Club, general meeting, 6.45 p.m.
 April 11—Watsonian Club dinner (tentative date).
 April 11 and 12—K.C.C. Play: "A Worm's Eye View."
 April 12—China Light & Power Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
 April 16—H.K. & Canton Ice Mfg. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.
 April 21—H.K. Land Investment & Agency Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon.
 April 24—Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.
 April 24—H.K. Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon.

Lieut-Gen. Ritchie Arriving

Lt.-General Sir Neil Ritchie, who recently relieved Lt.-General Sir Montagu Stopford as Commander-in-Chief, South East Asia, is paying his first official visit to Hong Kong on Wednesday.

In the first World War he had a brilliant record as a young officer fighting with the Black Watch in Mesopotamia, Palestine and France. Between the wars he went to the Staff College and commanded a Battalion of the King's Own Royal Regiment.

At the beginning of the last war he found himself Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, who was then a General commanding a Corps in France. Later he went to Egypt as the Chief of Staff to General Auchinleck who was Commander in Chief, Middle East.

At a critical time in the battle to relieve Tobruk, he was placed in command of the 8th Army; his personal drive won the battle, relieved Tobruk and threw Rommel back into Tripolitania. Very difficult and hard fighting followed when Rommel had been strongly reinforced and the 8th Army was still woefully short of modern equipment—at those times he was always to be found in front rallying his troops and encouraging them to further efforts.

The Normandy invasion found him commanding the 12th Corps. He led this Corps brilliantly in the Normandy bridgehead, through France and Belgium across the Rhine into the heart of Germany. After the war he was commanding the Scottish Command until he came to Singapore.

Few officers have seen so much fighting as General Ritchie, both as a Regimental officer and in positions of high responsibility. He met Lady Ritchie on a short visit to Canada. General Ritchie is a fine cricketer, one of the best Reel dancers in Scotland and a great sportsman with gun and fishing rod.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB

The next meeting of the Sino-British Club will take place at St. John's Hall on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

The speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Weinberger, whose subject will be "Milestones in Chinese Art"—a story of progress in the artistic achievements of the Chinese people. Mr. Weinberger is an enthusiastic archaeologist and has devoted much time to the study of this subject.

ROTARY CLUB

Surgeon Captain C. Keating, R.N., will be the speaker at tomorrow's Rotary Club of Hong Kong meeting at the Gloucester Hotel at 12.30 p.m. Surgeon-Captain Keating will speak on "The Reception of Casualties During The Normandy Invasion."

The WAAFS Inspector-General, Group Officer, Richards, and two Squadron Officers are arriving at Kai Tak this morning on a tour of inspection of R.A.F. Units throughout Malaya, Hong Kong and Japan. These WAAFS personnel are established or will conceivably be established in the near future. They will visit the R.A.F. Station on April 8 and depart for Japan on April 9, returning to Hong Kong on April 20.

Ammo-Hungry Reds Killed Five U.S. Marines

Japs Save The U.S. Taxpayer

Tokyo, Apr. 6. An ironic plan was revealed here today by American Navy officials with the announcement that six Japanese-manufactured American liberty ships are scheduled to arrive in San Francisco today carrying back from South Pacific islands American war-time equipment.

Four similar convoys, each consisting of six Liberties and one American-manufactured ship, are expected to arrive soon as part of the Navy's "Operation Roll Back."

Vice Admiral Robert M. Griffin, Commander of U.S. Naval Forces, Far East, said the use of Japanese sailors to bring back American landing craft and wartime equipment from Marcus, Samar and other Pacific islands is part of a plan drawn up here in Tokyo with a view to "saving American taxpayers millions of dollars—dollars which would have to be spent for special convoys from the United States to carry the overseas cargoes and dead shipping back to America."

The liberty ships have been engaged in repatriation service since the end of the war.

Among the vessels expected at San Francisco today are the "John Hart," "Samuel Colt," "Joseph Royce," "Frederick," "William Dean Howell," and "William Moody."—United Press.

Covered His Own Home Fire

Akron, Ohio, Apr. 5. E. L. Balford, reporter for the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" in his Akron bureau, called the fire department for the 11th time.

"Any fires?" said the operator on the fire switchboard. "Just a fire on Dayton St."

"Not at 1170, I trust!" said Balford.

"You guessed it!" said the operator.

Damage to Balford's house was estimated at \$1,000. His 11-year-old dog Heidelberg was killed by smoke suffocation.—United Press.

Nanking, Apr. 6. Aeroplanes modelled by Mr. Lee Yao-sheng and Mr. Ho Kuon-nan, both of Hong Kong, took first and third places respectively in the All-China Airplane Model Competition held here this afternoon. Shanghai's Chang Yuying plane came second.—Central News.

Vandenberg Amendment Criticised

Moscow, Apr. 6. Soviet historian Eugene Tarle described Senator Arthur Vandenberg's amendment to the bill in the United States Congress for aid to Greece and Turkey as an attempt to line up the United Nations behind a new American foreign policy constituting a "provocation" against Russia.

He declared in a public lecture that such provocations come and go but the "great American people will always be our friends."

The Vandenberg amendment would direct the President to withdraw aid to Greece and Turkey "if requested by a procedural vote in the Security Council or a majority vote in the General Assembly of the United Nations."

In London, the Conservative weekly "Spectator" said the Vandenberg proposal was "a realization that America is not going to rule the world but to accept its fair share of the task of ruling."

Tarle mentioned the possibility of "war against Russia" but said he found in the American press the realization that such a war began by the United States could not have decisive results.

Tarle said this was because in reply to the first atomic bomb, the Russians would move in and occupy all Europe.

The "American," he added, would not want to destroy all Europe with bombs and at the same time would not be able to destroy the Russian army with bombs.

Tientsin, Apr. 6. It was ammunition hungry Chinese Communists who killed five United States Marines and wounded 16 in a shrewdly planned raid on the Marines' principal North China depot at Hsin Ho, 22 miles east of here, today.

Most, if not all, the marine deaths occurred when the raiders blew up part of the dump.

The Communists left six of their own dead on the scene of the four-hour and 15-minute battle and carried away an estimated 100 wounded.

No prisoners were taken by either side.

Four hundred Chinese Government troops took up the pursuit northward while Marine observation planes kept the retreating raiders under surveillance.

The Marines themselves organized a heavily armed convoy under Colonel Julian N. Friable, commander of the 5th regiment.

No Doubt A Marine statement said the identification of the dead Chinese left no doubt they were Communists.

Fourteen of the wounded Marines required surgery and three were critically hurt.

Presumably gassed by a shortage of ammunition and other supplies, the Communists closed in on the five square mile dump area shortly after midnight.

The depot is laid out in a triangle with a road northward to Peitang touching its apex. One hundred attackers struck across this road and a second group of another 100 rushed in from the east followed by two waves of 100 each.

The first shot from the diversionary force on the north was heard 20 minutes after midnight.

The others penetrated into the dump and began loading an undetermined number of artillery shells onto pack mules.

Fleeing with their loads the Communists exploded part of the dump which was defended by a guard company of the fifth regiment.

Ran Into Ambush Alerted by explosions and gunfire another company quickly came up by rail from Tangku, five miles east, and leaped into weapons carriers to reach the scene of the battle.

The leading vehicle was halted by land mines laid by the Communists and while temporary stalled the vehicles were subjected to rifle fire from ambush beside the road.

Eight Marines were wounded in this engagement.

After reinforcements had arrived the two marine companies fought off the attackers and halting at dawn.

Four hundred Chinese Government troops arrived aboard an armoured train from Tientsin at 8.00 a.m. and took up the pursuit.—Associated Press.

At least 10 of these invalid votes in the Tokyo area bore the name of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and another, Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, and many more were expected to show up.—United Press.

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WATCH RECOVERED

The Yaumati Police are anxious to contact the Chinese lady who had her 15-jewelled, 14-carat gold-filled wristlet watch snatched at about 3 p.m. yesterday in Nathan Road near Hamilton Street.

The alleged thief was chased by P.C. 1495 along Hamilton Street and finally intercepted by Chinese constables 1308 and 1380 near Reclamation Street.

ARMY VISITS NAVY

Singapore, Apr. 6. British soldiers here have been learning first-hand what the life of their opposite numbers in the Royal Navy is like.

Small groups of Army officers and other ranks being taken on cruises along the Malayan coast, to show them how the Navy lives and works and to give them a "change in air" from normal surroundings.—Associated Press.

Chance At A Second Academy Award

Hollywood, Apr. 6. Frederic March, Jimmy Stewart and Jennifer Jones have a chance this year of winning a second Academy Award and matching records set by Luise Rainer, Bette Davis and Spencer Tracy.

For amateur handicappers, here is a full list of past performances:

1946—Ray Milland, in "Lost Weekend," and Joan Crawford, in "Mildred Pierce."

1944—Bing Crosby, "Going My Way," and Ingrid Bergman, "Gaslight."

1943—Paul Lukas, "Watch on the Rhine," Jennifer Jones, "Song of Bernadette."

1942—Greer Garson, "Mrs. Miniver," and James Cagney, "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

1941—Joan Fontaine, "Suspicion," and Gary Cooper, "Sergeant York."

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TRUMAN ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Must Aid People Endangered By Foreign Pressure

How The Fire Of War Starts

Washington, Apr. 6. President Harry Truman declared today that the United States "must take a positive stand" against aggression in all its forms and must keep its own economy strong by the lowering of prices.

In the foreign field he proclaimed that "we must" aid "those peoples whose freedoms are endangered by foreign pressure."

He specified aggression "secretly by infiltration" as well as openly by armed force.

At home, he termed the Republican economic drive in Congress "an invitation to disaster," rallied the Democrats against immediate tax cuts and economies he called "false" and earnestly brought lower prices.

Addressing a Jefferson dinner, Mr. Truman said nothing about his plans for the next election but set forth his stand on prime domestic issues of taxes, spending and prices.

Positive Stand
In an apparent reference to his proposal to aid Greece and Turkey against Communism, Mr. Truman declared that "in supporting the United Nations we must, when necessary, supplement its activities."

He added "By aiding the free nations to maintain their freedom we strengthen the United Nations in the performance of its functions."

"We must take a positive stand. It is no longer enough merely to say we don't want war. We must act in time—before the beginnings of any conflict that many threaten, to spread over the world."

Then he gave this summary of how "the fire" of war starts: "We have seen it before—aggression by the strong against the weak, openly by the use of armed forces and secretly by infiltration. We know how the fire spreads and we know how it ends."

Standing Guard
The United Nations, he said, must "quench the flames wherever they may break out" even "if armed conflict must be prevented by the use of an international police force."

He commended "the efforts of those members of both parties" who have supported the American foreign policy which, he said, transcends in importance "any other question confronting us."

Jefferson Letter
Elaborating on the doctrine he enunciated when announcing the United States programme of financial aid to Greece and Turkey, President Truman quoted from a letter from Mr. Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic Party, to President Monroe, urging the adoption of the Monroe Doctrine, in which Mr. Jefferson wrote: "Nor is the occasion to be slighted which this proposition offers, of declaring our protest against the atrocious violations of the rights of nations by the interference of any one in the internal affairs of another."

President Truman commented: "We like Jefferson have witnessed atrocious violations of the slightest. We too have declared our protest. We must make that protest effective by aiding those people whose freedoms are endangered by foreign pressures. The burden of our responsibility today is greater, even greater, considering the size of the resources of our expanded nation, than it was in the time of lasting peace which is at last being built. That edifice is the United Nations."

"The function of the United Nations is to quench flames wherever they may break out, to watch throughout the world and extinguish every spark that comes from a difference between governments, to do this if possible through the

machinery of peaceful arbitration but to do it in any case. This is so even if an armed conflict must be prevented by the use of an international police force."

Looking To U.S.
"In supporting the United Nations, we must when necessary, supplement its activities. By aiding free nations to maintain their freedom, we strengthen the United Nations in the performance of its functions."

Stressing the importance of a strong United States to meet these responsibilities, President Truman said: "No matter how great our military potential may be, military potential alone is not enough."

"It is necessary that we maintain sufficient military strength to convince the world that we intend to meet our responsibilities."

Pointing out that the world was looking to the United States for leadership, President Truman said: "While the struggle for the rights of man goes forward in other parts of the world, the people of America cannot look on with easy detachment with indifference to the outcome."

He concluded his address to the audience, which represented a cross-section of leadership of the Democratic Party in all 48 states, by repeating dramatically the oath of Thomas Jefferson: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

ADD BELIEVE IT OR NOT SERIES

Berlin, Apr. 6. A woman in Kiel, overcome with grief after having received recent confirmation that her husband had been killed in one of the war's last battles, suddenly saw a strange man, jumped up with joy and kissed him.

It was her first husband, missing since the first World War, who had just returned home from Siberia, the newspaper Neue Zeitung said.—Associated Press.

Fund For Private Flying

London, Apr. 6. A £100,000 fund to stimulate the development of private aviation, including gliding, has been made available by the British newspaper proprietor Viscount Kemsley.

The money will be dispersed in loans over a period of seven years at a nominal rate of interest and repayable over a period of 25 years.

The fund will be administered by the Committee of the Royal Aero Club. Viscount Kemsley has also offered £1,000 in prizes to be used at the discretion of the Royal Aero Club. The International Olympic Soaring contests next year, as the National Soaring contests

More Troops For Madagascar

Antananarivo, Apr. 6. More French airborne reinforcements are arriving in Madagascar following the uprisings which started last Sunday. Some airborne reinforcements from Reunion Island, 400 miles to the east, arrived on Wednesday.

Attention is particularly focussed on the east coast, where French troops today recaptured the village of Manakara and the little town of Manakara, on the coast 150 miles south of Antananarivo. These two places were evacuated by the French earlier this week.

Military operations are underway between Manakara and Fianarantsoa, a hill town 100 miles from here. European civilians have been evacuated from Vohpeno, on the east coast twenty miles south of

Manakara because of fears of an uprising there, reports said. A considerable stretch of railway connecting Manakara and Fianarantsoa cut by the Madagascar forces on Monday has still not been taken by the French.

Besides units along the coast and in the foothills of the interior, in the past 48 hours the French have repulsed attacks by Madagascar bands several hundred strong on a village near here and on a military convoy.

No Anxiety
The Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Ramadier, said in Paris yesterday that the situation did not give rise to any serious anxiety, and that after "very elementary displays of military force, in which not a single shot was fired nor any arms used either by the infantry or by our planes," order and calm had returned.

Leaders of a separatist movement demanding independence for Madagascar within the framework of the French union, are said to be heading the disturbances.

Meanwhile, telegrams of good faith have been received by the French High Commissioner in Tananarive from the Madagascar Provincial Assemblies of Tulcar, Fianarantsoa, Tamatave and Manakara, it was announced in Paris today by the Minister of Colonies.—Reuter.

Exploratory
Since the British Government's statement fixing June 1948 as the date for quitting India, the League has insisted the Cabinet Mission plan is dead including the Constituent Assembly. The League has boycotted the Assembly since its inception last December.

An official source at the Viceroy's house emphasized that the talks with Gandhi, Congress and League Ministers in the Interim Government, representatives of Maharajahs and others are "exploratory." He said the Viceroy's talks were a continuing proposition and that Gandhi had seen the Viceroy five times this week.—Associated Press.

Official Drummer
Tokyo, Apr. 6. James Ewing arrived in Tokyo today to join the United Kingdom liaison mission as a member in charge of the new purchasing and selling section which will handle trading transactions on government account between the United Kingdom, Burma and British colonies and Japan and Korea.

Mr. Ewing, who lived in Japan many years before the war, is an official of the Board of Trade. He was with the United Kingdom liaison mission until October, 1946 as a shipping adviser.—Associated Press.

GBS THREE QUARTERS OF A GHOST

London, Apr. 5. George Bernard Shaw believes he is three quarters of a ghost today but does not believe that he will ever be a whole one, according to an exclusive interview with the noted playwright by Fred Archer.

Shaw said he did not believe in ghosts but said, "you are talking to a man who is three quarters of one," when asked for his views on survival after death.

"To me belief in individual survival is a horror," the 90-year-old writer said. "To realize that, think not of your own individual survival but of mine. Imagine GBS going on for centuries! Could you bear it?"

Archer suggested—and many spiritualists believe—that after death one evolved to become part of a group soul, to merge ultimately with the life force.

"The body goes to pieces," Shaw said. "Your various senses cease to operate and you become a heap of maggots. You don't know how or why."

Beetles And Men
"You know from the history of the world that the evolutionary force goes on. You have black beetles and men. Among men you have Hitler and Shakespeare. Why, you don't know."

This year will be considered by the Royal Aero Club in connection with the prize money.—Reuter.

Life To Come
Shaw said he was no longer invited to séances when he declared his intention of cheating for all he was worth, Archer said.

The playwright said he believed in only two parts of the Apostles' Creed—the Communion of Saints and the life to come—but he believed in them only in a "special sense."

The Communion, he said, was a form of understanding peculiar to men especially endowed, such as Karl Marx, Morris and Ruskin.

The life to come, he said, is the life force being constantly reborn and passed to others in the form of reincarnation.

"Of course I believe in reincarnation," Shaw said. "Life is going on all the time. When I die babies will be born the same day. Whether my particular bit of the life force will go into a baby's bones or not I cannot say."—United Press.

"DOWN WITH HOARDERS"
Paris, Apr. 6. More than ten thousand Parisians, answering a call from the Federation of Trade Unions of the Paris region, today marched around the Gare d'Orsay, one of the main department stores in the heart of the city, shouting "Down with hoarders."

M. le Henaff, Secretary-General of the Federation, addressed the crowd, stating that all hoarding was detrimental to the efforts of the working class to achieve national recovery.—Reuter.

Girl Adventurers In A Yawl
Frankfurt, Apr. 6. The youthful crew of the 50-year-old yawl "White Cloud" who intend to attempt a 5,550-mile crossing of the Atlantic, will probably be one of the busiest writing, painting and picture-taking crew ever to cross an ocean.

Each of the three men and three women voyagers has some private artistic project to work on as long as the "White Cloud," equipped with radio, keeps away from storms on its odyssey from Sandbank, Scotland to Portland, Maine.

The party includes two English journalists, Miss Doreen Ingham of 230, Old Brompton Road, London, and Elkan Allan.

They will be accompanied by two American airmen and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B. Clark, and Captain and Mrs. Westley Love, who are now in Germany.

"If we run into trouble," said Clark, a former United States Army pilot who is sponsoring the trip, "we will pitch in together. It is a strictly communal adventure trip, with no skipper."

Two-Year Trip
He added that he and his companions planned a two-year adventure in the South Seas "if we get across the Atlantic safely."

The craft in which the hazardous crossing will be attempted, was not designed for deep-sea voyaging.

The party plan to leave Sandbank on the Firth of Clyde, Scotland about May 20 and hope to arrive at Portland by Sept. 1.

Joking about the project, Mrs. Elkan Clark, a former school teacher, said, "It is going to solve our housing problem if the boat doesn't rot under us and give us all a chance to do what we want for a while." She said

Lewis Wants Closure Of Mines

Washington, Apr. 6. John L. Lewis, President of the United States Mine Workers' Federation, today asked the United States Government to close all except two of the 2,500 United States soft coal mines until a Government inspector had re-examined them and certified that they conformed to the Federal mine safety code. His request was contained in a letter to the Deputy United States Coal Administrator.

Mr. Lewis said recently that the victims of the explosion at the Centralia coal mine, Illinois, on March 25, when most of the 142 men trapped underground were killed, had been murdered by the negligence of Mr. Julius Krug, United States Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Lewis later called on the 400,000 United States bituminous miners, to take a week's holiday beginning last Tuesday, declaring that his Government contract authorized such a period of mourning for the men who died in the Centralia explosion.—Reuter.

U.S. Envoy To India

Washington, Apr. 6. The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told a press conference today that Mr. Henry F. Grady had been appointed United States Ambassador to India.

Mr. Grady headed the American technical mission to India in 1942. The mission was concerned with studying the production of essential war materials in India and how the United States might assist India's war effort.

Mr. Grady, who is 65, is the President of the American President Lines Limited shipping company.

Mr. Grady headed the United States observers party during the Greek election. He also served on the President's Cabinet Commission on Palestine.—Reuter.

PROTEST TO FRANCO?

Washington, Apr. 6. The Acting United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the United States Embassy in Madrid had been instructed to make a vigorous protest to the Spanish Government if it were found to be true that threats had been made against a New York Post correspondent in Spain, Francis McMahon.

The New York Post informed the State Department that McMahon had been asked by the Spanish Government to surrender his press credentials and that he had repeatedly been privately advised that "accidental" deaths are common in Spain.—Reuter.

Italy Facing Ruin?
Rome, Apr. 6. Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Premier, declared today that without the wholehearted cooperation of all classes of society, especially the press, Italy was heading for financial ruin.

Only immediate foreign loans could save the country.

"Only one thing would emerge from the financial ruin—a new dictatorship," Signor de Gasperi said, "but would be necessitated by a constant increase in prices."

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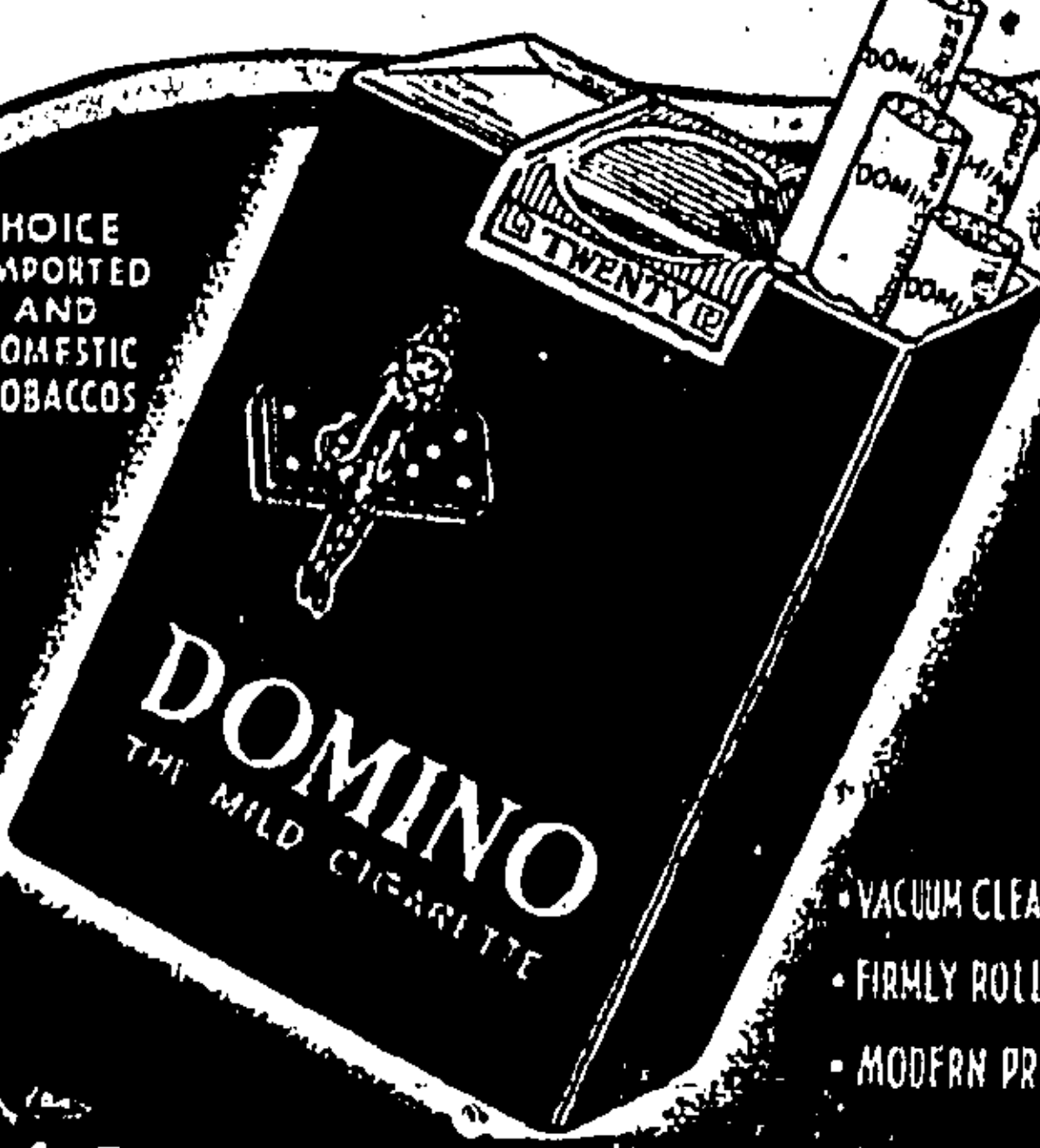
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Through numbers (10 Races—\$32) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$2.00) on the last race on the second day, 7th April.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close each day at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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New York, Apr. 6.—The National Conference of Christians and Jews announced today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt would receive its 1946 award "not only in recognition of her personal work on behalf of human relations but to commemorate the ideals and achievements of her husband." The award will be presented on April 28.—Associated Press.

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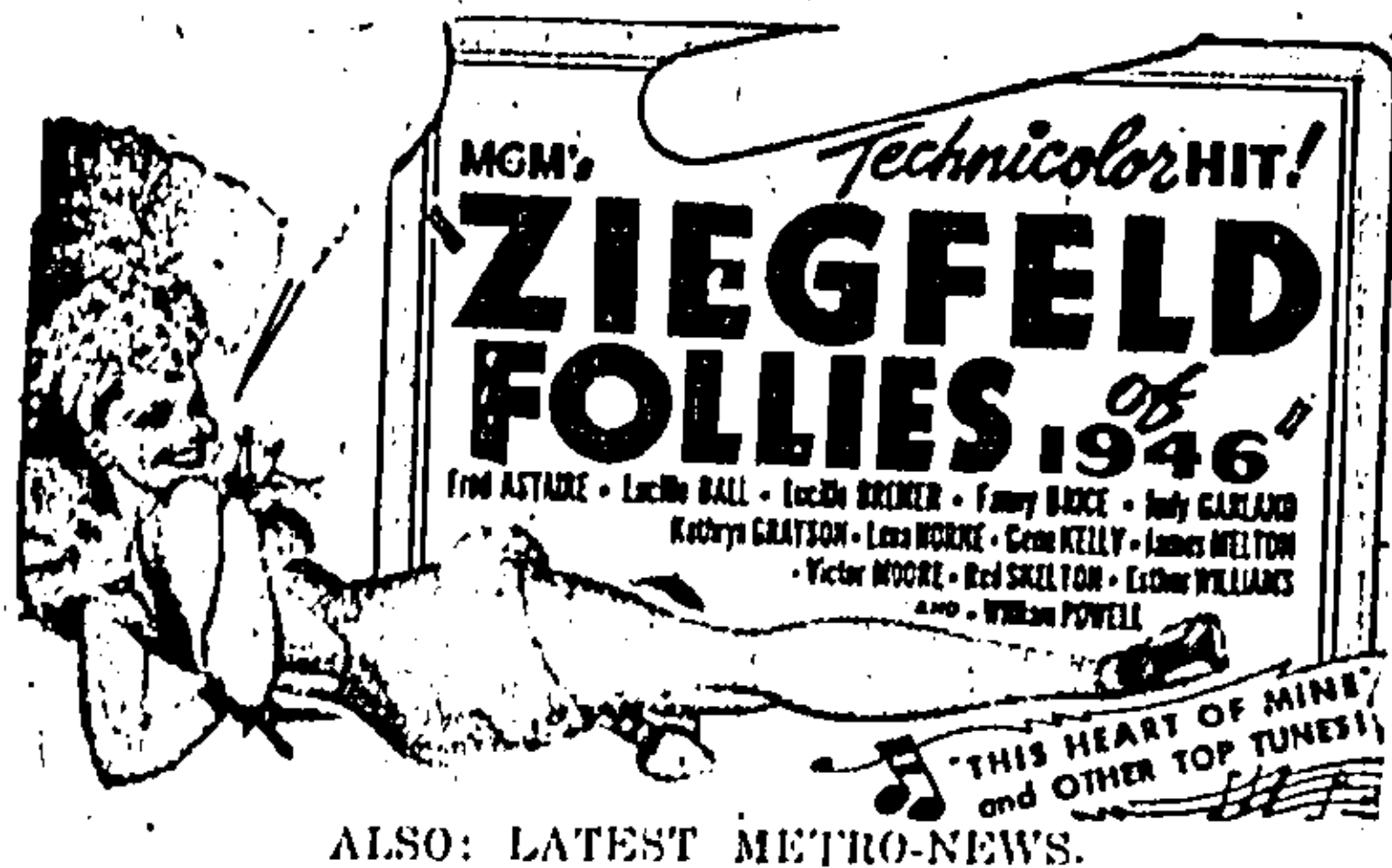
Mr. Murphy replied that since M. Vyshinsky's impression of the operations of Federal police in the United States were entirely in error, he would not attempt to correct the "liberal" and "democratic" American press.

JUDY GARLAND'S NEW ROLE

title role of "Annie Get Your Gun," screen adaptation of the New York musical show. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios will finance the picture. Miss Garland's role was created, on the stage, by Ethel Merman—Associated Press.

The package of an R.C. plane which disappeared on March 11, 1966, was found on the same day, 1700 yards off the beach, and was valued at \$2,000. The package was found by a fisherman.

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LOSSES BALANCE GAINS IN CHINA CIVIL WAR

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, Apr. 6.
The pattern of the civil war continues much as expected; though the Government forces after the capture of Yen-an continue to register gains in north Shensi, which is of no strategic importance, the much more vital operations in Shantung for clearing the Tientsin-Pukow railway are proceeding very slowly.

The main Government forces, fighting their way north from Huachow, after nearly two months have still only reached Tatan, 35 miles south of Tsinan, while the Tientsin-Pukow railway, which at one time was completely restored, is now in the hands of the Communists again.

Other railways north of the Yellow River—the Lunghai and Peiping-Hankow—are subject to constant guerrilla attacks. In the Peiping and Tientsin areas the Communists are extremely active and the Government forces are on the defensive, as is shown by the recent raid on Tungchow, only a few miles east of Peiping, and the latest attack on the U.S. Marine munition depot at Hainho, 10 miles below Tientsin.

Overall Picture

This attack, carried out, it is reported, by over 1,000 well-armed and well-trained Communist troops, shows the precarious state of communications between North China and Manchuria.

Either owing to faulty strategy, lack of cooperation between the Government forces or insufficient numbers, the general impression is that as the Government forces suppress Communist forces in one area things go wrong in other areas.

The overall picture is not one of steady or decisive Government successes.—Our Own Correspondent.

Columns Advance

Nanking, Apr. 6.
Government forces today began blasting open the last 120-mile stretch of the Tientsin-Pukow railway from Tsung-hsien, 60 miles south of Tientsin, to Tsinan.

Two columns advancing from Tsung-hsien captured Fenghuang, 15 miles to the south-east, and Chuangho, 12 miles to the south-west. Government troops also captured Chungking, 40 miles south of Peiping, a centre of the Peiping-Pooting line and the Peiping-Tientsin line.

In North Shansi, Government troops in an effort to open the

Tatung-Pueh railway, drove northward 35 miles from Tsinan and are battling in Hainho.

In Shensi Province, heavy fighting is reported on the outskirts of Suifu, which the Nationalists are attempting to surround.

Central News reported today that Communist leaders Mao Tse-tung and Chu Teh crossed the Yellow River on March 29 and set up headquarters at Linhsien, 50 miles north-east of Suifu.

Official sources claimed that Gen. Liu Po-cheng's 70,000 troops were defeated after a five-day battle in Honan when attempting to encircle Sian.

Readers' Letters

Hospital Fees

Sir,—May I have the honour to write you these few lines, as you are the only one from whom we can find the sympathy, although it may waste much of your time.

My wife needed to go to hospital. I asked the Almoner (Chinese) how much I would have to pay if she went to a 2nd class ward about one month ago. She said, "I would give you the privilege of going to a 2nd class ward and I will charge you \$3.00 per day and will not charge you any more for the delivery."

My wife went to hospital and stayed there for a few days, being discharged on account that it was not time for the delivery. When discharged she was told that she had to pay \$6.00 per day. I at once went and saw the Almoner and asked her whether she had told me that I had to pay \$3.00 per day. At first she denied it and then she said, "If I did tell you only \$3.00 per day it would be under certain conditions for me to say."

She also shouted, "You doctors are very hard to deal with and you have killed the dog before you asked the price of it!" and for the next time your wife had better go to a 3rd class ward."

On hearing this I began to think of myself. If my financial capacity could only pay what she told me at first and not what she told me afterwards, what am I to do? At length I paid what she desired me to pay which does not mean I have killed the dog before asking the price of it, but does seem that she allows somebody to kill the dog by saying it is cheap and then declaring a high price for it after it has been killed.

Patients are ignorant of the hospital fees and why she says one price one day and increases it the next, I do not know. Is there a fixed list for fees, or does she make a list for fees as she desires? The fees in excess, we hope, will also be to the Government Treasury.

We also wonder what kind of people are supposed to have the right to go to 1st or 2nd class wards if they can pay as per list and when there is a bed available.

So what she had told my wife to go to 3rd class next time only means a haired or revenge. We know thoroughly that she has the power to deal with cases whether admit them or give them what kind of bed as she pleases, but she should have the spirit in managing this consciously. She also had been grumbling nearly all the time around the patients by asking them why they come to Government Hospitals for treatment, but she does not know the Hospitals are for the Public who are sick although it is comparatively cheaper to obtain treatment there but it gives to some medical sources a practical experiment in finding out the actual cure of certain diseases. On addition she may also mean to kill the patient indirectly when dies in other hospital in lack of proper treatments on following her good (?) advice.

TSANG KWOK PING.

GOVT. BONDS

Shanghai, Apr. 6.
New Government bonds and treasury notes totalling \$5,400,000,000 were offered for sale here today by 81 banks and throughout the rest of China by 22 branches of the Central Bank of China. It was reported that one-tenth already has been subscribed to.—United Press.

hailing, on the Peiping-Hankow railway. The sources claimed Communists suffered over 20,000 casualties.—United Press.

Late News Flash

Fourteen out of the 16 U.S. Marines wounded during yesterday's attack near Tangu were flown to Tientsin hospital, where two are considered in a critical condition. Six Chinese dead were left behind by the attackers, but the actual Chinese casualties are believed to be much greater.—Reuter.

Armless Boy Does Wonders

San Mateo, Apr. 6.
Thirteen-year-old James Kenny was born without arms; his shoulders just came to an abrupt end.

Yet his mother, Mrs. Lionel Kenny, and his teachers, Holy Cross sisters at Saint Matthews School, say he is a very accomplished boy. Using his toes, as he would his fingers if he had any, Jimmy can:

Turn back pages, take spelling dictation, write with a fountain pen, eat food and ice cream carefully—using a fork, knife or spoon—and carry on most activities that most normal children can do. His mind is brilliant, people call him a "walking encyclopedia." He also likes to dance (girls just place their hands on his hips as he leads them through various dance steps).

Mrs. Kenny says the boy is afflicted by a lack of proper balance, which prevents him from playing many games that normal children play, but adds he can do many other things well.

Shanghai, Apr. 6.
The reorganization of the Chinese government which has been progressing at a very slow pace owing to the difficulties raised by the minority parties, is expected to move a step nearer completion within the next 24 hours when both the Socialist Democratic Party and the Young China Party hand in their lists of nominees to the State Council, the highest policy-making body in the reorganized administration.—Reuter.

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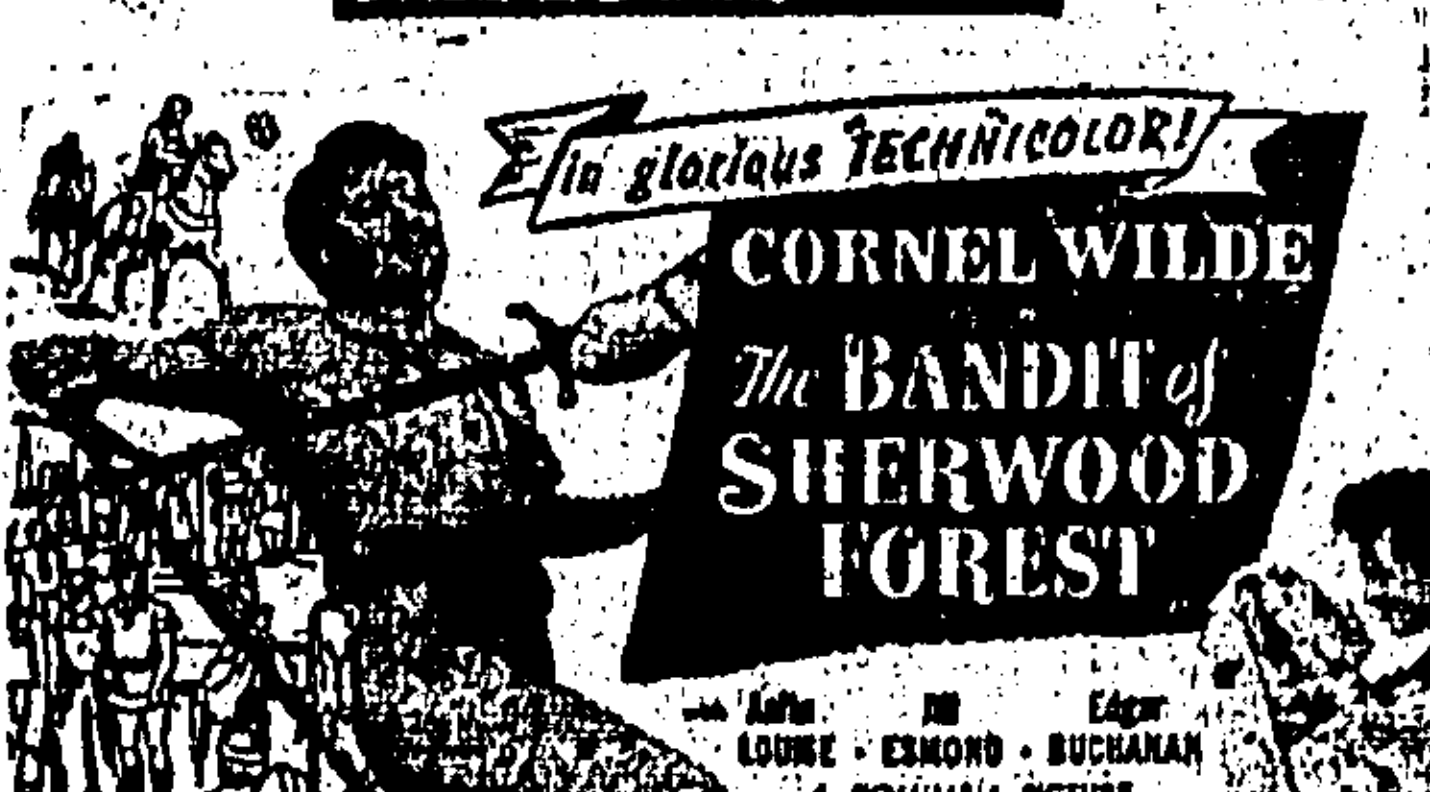
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BERRUEX—On 4th April, 1947, at the Queen Mary Hospital, to wife of M. A. Berruex, a son.

BITTER LEGACY

After the first World War, Winston Churchill was asked to write an inscription for a British war memorial. He wrote: "In war, resolution; in defeat, defiance; in victory, magnanimity; in peace, good will." Needless to say, the proposed inscription was rejected. The British public were more interested in such popular slogans as "Hang the Kaiser" and "Squeeze the German orange till the pips squeak."

It is one of the inimitable traits of the modern mass mind that magnanimity and good will are too often overshadowed by the forces of hatred and revenge. Wartime propaganda and fear of total defeat have behind a bitter legacy which makes it almost impossible to achieve a just and lasting peace. Thus, much turns on the mood of the statesmen who are now meeting in Moscow. Magnanimity is certainly a characteristic enjoyed by Secretary of State George Marshall, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. So far, however, the most sympathetic observer has not detected this trait in Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's make-up. If the Russian delegation in Moscow continues the selfish and shortsighted policy they have so far pursued towards Germany, then indeed it will be hard to make a good peace. But whatever may be Mr. Molotov's attitude, the three Foreign Ministers representing the democracies of the West have approached the conference table in a statesmanlike mood of reconciliation.

If they are to have a chance of making the moral and spiritual forces of the West effective, they must be supported by a firm and enlightened public opinion in their own countries. It must be sadly admitted that, at the present time, too much of the leadership of the Western world is directing public opinion into shameful and immoral lines of thought. Comments upon the necessity of the credits which the British and American governments are extending to their zones in Germany to assist in economic reconstruction are prefaced with some such words as: "Of course there is no question of doing this out of any sympathy for the German people. It is only a matter of good business to help in the rehabilitation of the British and American Zones."

Of all the teachings of Christ, perhaps the most difficult for human beings to live up to is His admonition, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." But though human beings have often fallen short of these maxims, seldom have their spiritual or political leaders completely rejected them. Today, however, the word "mercy" is almost the last word you will ever see in a newspaper or hear on a statesman's lips. La Rochefoucauld once said, "Hypocrisy is a homage which vice pays to virtue." So topsy turvy are all our modern values that it would now be truer to say, "Hypocrisy is a homage which virtue pays to vice." To have any milk of human kindness or to show any Christian charity towards your enemies at once invites the Communist charge of being a Fascist beast. So in many ways we are achieving the strange paradox that if you wish to do good, you must pretend to do evil.

BATA WORKERS STRIKE

Calcutta, Apr. 6.—About 7,000 employees of the Bata shoe factory went on strike here today, bringing the number of industrial and clerical workers now on strike to 20,000. In addition 5,000 tramway workers have stopped work.

AIMS OF BRITAIN'S LABOUR "REBELS"

The rebels in the British Labour Party are still trying to force Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to formulate what they call a "Socialist" foreign policy. Two conceptions are bound up in this aspiration. First of all, the left-wing rebels would like to see Britain adopt a foreign policy halfway between that of Washington and that of the Kremlin. Secondly, they have a vague general yearning to cooperate with Socialists in other countries and to work with them in bringing about a world Socialist economy.

The idea of devising a foreign policy halfway between that of the United States and Russia is merely a meaningless compromise, and Britain would enjoy neither the friendship of Russia nor that of the United States. The second idea is not really an idea at all: it is merely a pious hope.

Absurdity

If Britain is to be permitted to enjoy close friendship only with countries whose governments have the same domestic objectives as those of Prime Minister Clement Attlee and his Ministers, then indeed Britain will have few friends in the world. If Britain were to do as the left-wing critics suggest, British policy would have to conform to the somewhat varying interests of Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Sweden and France. If the present government were to collapse and were to be replaced by one of the right and centre under Gen. Charles de Gaulle, Britain would, of course, have to cease to be a friend of France. It further follows that Britain must cease her present close collaboration with the United States until that happy day when the newly elected Republican Congress is ready to endorse the appointment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of State.

The cry for a "Socialist" foreign policy has only to be closely examined for its absurdity to be revealed. To conduct foreign policy upon the basis of a domestic ideology, as Mr. Wallace seeks

to do in the United States, and as R. H. S. Crossman seeks to do in Britain, is to be utterly out of touch with the realities of the wicked world in which we live. Mr. Wallace's Russian friends have certainly never made this mistake. Although the Kremlin may often make errors of calculation and timing in its foreign policy, it has never allowed itself to be hamstrung by ideology.

Poles Apart

When Stalin judged that the interests of Russia demanded it, he did not scruple to enter into an alliance with Nazi Germany—and thereby helped to usher in the second World War. When some observers in France and Britain questioned the durability of the Ribbentrop-Molotov agreement, on the grounds of the incompatibility of the two ideologies involved, Stalin boasted: "Soviet Russia was the first state to enter into a trade agreement with Fascist Italy. This proves the absurdity of those who think that Communist Russia and Nazi Germany cannot collaborate." And more recently, we have seen the Kremlin almost falling over itself in its eagerness to secure the good will of President Juan Peron of Argentina.

In the same way, it is not ideological differences which prevent better relations between the Western world and Soviet Russia. The reason is that our interests and objectives are poles apart. The Western powers and Russia worked fairly well together during the war years because, under the threat of a German victory, their interests were the same. Now that the common danger has been removed, the very different objectives for which the Eastern and the Western worlds stand are revealed in all their nakedness.

Own Interests

Since these objectives are diametrically opposed, it is im-

Britain Has Faith In Herself

England has given no more impressive exhibition of determination to keep her economic crisis and defend her interests at home and abroad than in circumstances surrounding the passage of the peace time conscription bill through the House of Commons.

The measure is a live bomb providing as it does for calling up some 200,000 young men annually for service in the armed forces.

It comes in the midst of a grave economic crisis. Britain is living in frugal austerity on borrowed money. Her essential industries are lagging because of lack of manpower. Owing to a shortage of miners the country for weeks has been without adequate fuel and light because of scarcity of coal.

Could one imagine a tougher moment to present the bill for conscription of manpower to keep the country on an armed footing?

Yet the socialist government is determined to provide adequate defence and maintain Britain's prestige as one of the Big Three. And in this emergency the Conservatives supported the government when it was faced with a split in its own party.

What happened was that a considerable leftwing section of the Labour Party deserted the government over this issue—enough so that the Attlee Cabinet might have been overthrown if the big Conservative minority had joined with Socialist dissidents.

But Churchill led his Conservative followers into the fight for Attlee with the result the conscription measure was adopted.

Quite a bloc of the Labour Party members refused to vote. The bill was opposed on several grounds. Those who fought it maintained that industry needs more men than do the armed forces, that conscription is inconsistent with the Labour Party policy, and that the cost of armed services is excessive.

Some extreme leftists also opposed it as being hostile to Russia.

The act will run for five years and the Defence Ministry said that by 1945 it will produce a trained reserve of 700,000.

With all this evidence at hand can any doubt that Britain not only is determined to see her crisis through but that she has faith in herself? That is a question of vast importance in these days when the world unhappily is divided into two camps and Britain is siding with America.

Indications are the British public in general is united on her foreign policy... this view is strengthened by a bipartisan vote on the conscription bill because the Socialists and Tories are strange bed-fellows under ordinary circumstances.

There are vast differences of opinion on how to handle some imperial problems—India for example—but not so much where British foreign interests are involved.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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PURPOSE OF A SAFETY

We have all read and heard the definition of a "safety play" as "the intentional giving up of one or more tricks in order to increase the likelihood of making the contract." That has the same weakness as most bridge definitions, which ordinarily don't take in enough territory or else cover too much. A safety play may also be used to prevent too bad a defeat of the contract, even though it seems to give up all hope of making the contract.

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H. K. Q. 7
D. A. Q. 2
C. A. 3

S. 8 6 3
H. A. 10 5 4
D. 9 8 7 6 5
C. 7

S. K. 10 7 4
H. J. 6 2
D. 10 4 3
C. 6 5 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 D 2 C
Pass Pass 2 S Pass
3 S Pass 3 NT

Ordinarily you would expect South to take that out to 4 Spades, but with his even distribution and no ruffing chance, he unthinkingly decided to let it slide. He was lucky his side did not lose an easy game because of his pass.

possible for the former cooperation to continue; and, it is only the politically naive who expect it to. You might as reasonably expect a common advertising campaign to be launched by a man who sells aircraft and a man who sells locomotives.

For a nation's foreign policy to have any reality, it must be based on its own interests. These arise almost exclusively from the immutable facts of geography. No one who has not got this fact in his bones should aspire to instruct his fellow men in the intricacies of foreign affairs.

100 YEARS AGO TODAY

(Extracts from the files of the "China Mail" for April 7, 1947).
The P. and O. S.N. Co's Steamers from Hong Kong will in future proceed throughout to Bombay, touching as heretofore at Singapore and Penang, also at Colombo, Ceylon, Calcutta, Goa and Vitoria.

Douglas Lapraik advertise to let "a large and commodious" house in the Queen's Road, "late occupied by the Officers of the 15th Regiment."

Two of three men under sentence of death were executed at the usual place in the presence of a large number of Chinese. One of the men held high office as a member of the Triad Society—an institution of which we hear a good deal and know little.

The good ship "Sir Robert Sale" has arrived from New Zealand in 32 1/2 days; her passage from England to that colony was 16 days, thus making the entire round, exclusive of her stay at New Zealand, in 128 1/2 days. We question whether this has ever been much excelled by anything under canvas.

STANDARDS FOR OFFICERS

Washington, Apr. 6.—The United States Army has refused to follow a recommendation of a committee of the American Bar Association that article 91 United States Articles of War, pertaining to duels, be deleted from the record. It said in a statement that the article forbidding duels may be "obsolete" but it fixes "certain standards of conduct for officers which are of value to the Army."—Associated Press.

DRUGS SEIZED

Honolulu, Apr. 5.—Over \$5,000 worth of Oriental drugs have been impounded by United States inspectors for violation of the Federal Labeling Law due to lack of statements concerning the ingredients. They were represented variously as cures for tuberculosis, asthma, typhoid fever, etc.—United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Social security number, luxury taxes, unearned increment, inheritance taxes, net earnings—I can remember all those, but I forget my name!"

The Fantasies Of Ralph Ingersoll

Many of the flights of imagination indulged in by Ralph Ingersoll in his book "Top Secret" have already been exposed, but one of his silliest allegations—that British opposition prevented the appointment of Gen. Marshall for the invasion of Normandy—has, I think, never been dealt. Indeed, this legend has recently been given a new lease on life by that conscientious and meticulous scribe, Drew Pearson.

In his book, Ingersoll is at pains to justify his thesis that President Roosevelt and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower were putty in the hands of the machievellian British; that the British were always selling "gold bricks" to the simple-minded Americans; and that this process prolonged the war by at least a year. Ingersoll's somewhat naive account of the war consists entirely of heroes and villains. And the best method that his tortuous mind could discover for representing Gen. Marshall as a hero was an entirely incorrect story that the British were opposed to appointing Marshall as Allied commander of the European invasion.

The Facts

What are the facts? At the time when the British and American governments took their first decision about the commander for D-Day, an American, Gen. Eisenhower, was in command in the Mediterranean. Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt therefore agreed that the invasion of northwest Europe should be under a British commander. Field Marshal Lord Alan Brooke, at that time Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was selected by the British. President Roosevelt and the American Chiefs of Staff concurred in the selection. This decision was taken at the Quebec Conference in August, 1945.

Some months later, when Churchill and Roosevelt and the Combined Chiefs of Staff conferred in Cairo, it became apparent that D-Day would have to be postponed. One of the consequences of this decision was that, though the British and American forces would be equal in numbers on D-Day, by D-Day plus 60 the Americans would greatly outnumber the British. This fact led the British, in their own bad faith, to suggest that, in view of the larger American stake, it would be more appropriate to have an American commander. And Churchill, who had long had a profound admiration for Gen. Marshall, suggested that name.

Franco Still Smells

Washington, Apr. 5.—Generalissimo Franco's announced intention of eventually restoring the Spanish monarchy drew a warning today from the Acting Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, that it in no way changes the United States' critical attitude toward the Franco Government.

Questioned during a press conference on Franco's latest announcement on the monarchy, Acheson made it clear that the United States still views the Franco regime with distance and will continue to do so as long as Franco follows his present authoritarian policies regardless of what he may promise about restoring the Bourbon kings.

Several weeks passed in a state of indecision. During this time the British hoped and believed that Marshall would be appointed. Eventually, Roosevelt explained that Marshall could not be spared from Washington. Thereupon, Eisenhower, with the full agreement of the British Government, was appointed.

Notwithstanding the fantasies of Ralph Ingersoll, Eisenhower did a superb job, and it is difficult to see how Marshall could have done any better. Even so, as Gen. Marshall enters upon his high responsibility as Secretary of State, it seems worth while to correct the false impression which Ingersoll and Pearson have spread, and to establish the fact that it was Roosevelt, and Roosevelt alone, who prevented Gen. Marshall from commanding the Allied invasion of Normandy.

Greece Ought To Vote Again

Washington, Apr. 5.—Senator Richard B. Russell (Democrat for Georgia) proposed today that Congress should require a new vote by the Greek people on their form of Government as a condition of American aid.

He urged this in spite of the Foreign Relations Committee report that such a move would violate the spirit of the programme of aid to Greece and Turkey.

Senator Russell's plan for a new Greek plebiscite contrasted with the Committee's recommendations in its report on the \$400,000,000 assistance bill, approved previously by a 19 to 0 vote.

The report observed that the Committee did not intend to interfere in the internal affairs of Greece and Turkey. "The Committee agrees that pressure by representatives of our Government to bring about a change of government in either Greece or Turkey would be an infringement of the sovereignty of the countries, entirely foreign to the purpose and spirit of this programme," the report said.

Urging speedy action by the Senate, the Committee said that if Turkey and Greece "should be deprived of their independence and their peoples of their liberties, political disorder and economic chaos might well be expected in other countries in the Mediterranean, in the Near and Middle East and even in Europe."

The report contended that the establishment of economic and political security in Greece and Turkey "would not only tend to prevent disintegration in neighbouring areas but would have a powerfully encouraging influence upon all regions of the world now suffering from disorganization, fear and uncertainty, which serve as breeding grounds for war."

U.S. READY FOR ANYTHING Prepared For Defensive War

Volcano Still In Eruption

Reynkavin, Iceland.

Apr. 5.
More than one million cubic metres of molten lava from seven craters were tonight still flowing down the sides of Mount Hekla, which has been in eruption for the last week.

Streaming over the slopes of lava rock left by previous eruptions, these rivers of fire provide an awesome spectacle visible many kilometres away. The rain of ashes which fell in the early stages of the eruption has now stopped. It drove all fish from the fishing banks at Vestmannaeyjar when it began, but the fish are now returning.

Reynkavin, nine kilometres northwest of Mount Hekla, is unaffected by the eruption.—Reuter.

EIRE AIR SERVICES

Dublin, Apr. 6.

The Eire Government has organized the Irish Air Transport Company and plans service inside Eire, between Eire and other countries, and between places outside the country. Charter services also are planned.

Officials say the undertaking is a sequel to the comprehensive Anglo-Eire air agreement under which Eire secured important flying rights in Britain and the right to use airports in connection with the European service.—Associated Press.

Work Of Three Services

Washington, Apr. 6.

War Department officials say that the United States Army has plans ready for deploying troops and planes to fight the first phases of a defensive war.

They explain that the recent statements of Secretary of War Patterson that the armed services have no overall plan for national defence refer to coordinated planning of the Army, Navy and Air plus plans for mobilizing the nation's industrial and manpower resources.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, has told the Senate Committee that the defence plans have been developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and approved by the Secretaries of War and Navy.

Mr. Patterson's aides said it is safe to assume that such plans are constantly revised and that the planning is based on as many possible forms of attack by as many potential enemies as can be logically assumed.

They emphasize that such plans are only "field plans" for use of men, guns, ships and planes available at the time of the attack.

Joint Chiefs

Mr. Patterson has pointed out that at present such planning is possible only when all the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff agree.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff group is composed of uniformed chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and the military adviser to the President.

It exists and operates only under a five-year-old executive order.

Mr. Patterson remarked "no one knows today the authority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff." While military officials decline to discuss the details of the opera-

EIRE GESTURE TO GERMANS

Saigon, Apr. 5.
Obeying Viet Minh orders 80 per cent of the Annamite transport companies here have suspended all traffic. The Viet Minh had distributed leaflets ordering that all transport should be suspended for five days failing which vehicles would be attacked and set afire.—Reuter.

American Army and Navy bases in the Philippines. These, with the Security Council's approval of American trusteeship of the former Japanese mandates, presumably facilitated planning for the Pacific between the Philippines and Hawaii.—Associated Press.

Spaatz Article

Washington, Apr. 5.
Gen. Carl Spaatz, Commander of the U.S. Army Air Forces, said today that American airpower must be maintained in offensive readiness to meet any threat of aggression.

In an article in the Military Affairs Journal, Spaatz said the United States would be the first to be attacked in the next war, and the air force must be "always ready to oppose any future aggressors."—United Press.

ARCTIC DEFENCES

Ottawa, Apr. 6.

U.S.-Canadian cooperation in development of the Arctic for defence and commercial purposes has moved an important step forward with the announcement that nine new weather stations are to be jointly built in the northern Canadian wastelands within the next three years.

Two of the weather bases—the worst for the beginning, at least, is expected to be done by Americans. How the costs will be shared could not be learned here. However, asked whether the U.S. would pay any part of the costs, replied simply, "yes." To a question as to how much the total costs would be he said: "I do not recall." American sources here were equally uncommunicative.—Associated Press.

The second to be completed this year will be far to the west at Winter Harbour, on better known Melville Island in the Northwest Territories, where American exploratory missions have touched before.

Canadian Control

Announcement of the plans by Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe marked the end of the first stage of a project first broached by the United States last summer, when American military authorities showed a pressing interest in hemisphere defence arrangements.

U.S. military forces will undertake virtually all of the construction, it is understood, being better equipped for the task. The Ellsmore Island base for instance, is to be built by forces operating from the Joint U.S.-Danish weather base at Thule, Greenland.

The bases are to remain under Canadian control and in charge of Canadian officers, but the bulk of

Stalin Interview A Fiction?

London, Apr. 5.

Rear-Admiral Constantine Rodionov, Soviet Ambassador to Greece, has delivered a note to the Greek Government, denying the authenticity of an interview purporting to be with Generalissimo Stalin, published in three Athens newspapers, Moscow Radio, reported today.

The note, handed to the Greek Government on April 1, said that the alleged interview appeared on March 28 in the Athens newspapers Eleftheria (Conservative), Vima (Republican Opposition) and Kirkos, all of which it described as "close to the Greek Government."

They quoted the Salonika newspaper Makedonia (Liberal) as their source and the interview was said to have been given by General Stalin to the Moscow correspondent of an American news agency.

This so-called interview in fiction from beginning to end, the note said as quoted by the Moscow radio. "No such interview ever took place. As for the content of this interview, it bears the stamp of other falsifications hostile to the Soviet Union which appear from time to time in press organs close to the Greek Government."

"Considering such a situation quite impossible, the Soviet Government holds the Greek Government responsible for the spreading of the above-mentioned false interview in the Greek press."—Reuter.

Hindenburg Feeds Flames

Berlin, Apr. 6.

The huge "Iron Hindenburg," the wooden statue of the late German Field Marshal and President, Paul von Hindenburg, has been set on fire and fed into the furnace of a heating boiler during the present cold wave.

The "Iron Hindenburg" was built during the First World War to raise funds for the Kaiser's army. Berliners then were allowed to pound iron, silver or gold into the statue, depending on the size of their contribution. More than 1,500,000 nails were driven into it.

Forging for wood, some Germans recently found the statue's wooden head abandoned in a forest and chopped it for kindling.—Associated Press.

Ernie's Doctor Has A Lot Of Worries

Moscow, Apr. 5.

Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Minister, was told recently by his doctors that he had more vitality than most men ten years his junior, and that a reasonable amount of hard work would not injure his health.

For the past six months stories have been current about the rotund Foreign Minister's health—that he had not long to live, that he was suffering from a dangerous ailment, that he would shortly resign because of his health. As "Ernie" Bevin went from success to success, the stories about his health became more and more fantastic. But in public he seemed as hale and hearty as ever.

It is said that a doctor once told Mr. Bevin that he suffered from a weak heart which might catch up on him at any moment. This is reported to have worried Foreign Minister Bevin and caused him to become over-preoccupied with matters concerning his health. However, before arriving in Moscow Mr. Bevin had a thorough overhauling by several of Britain's leading medical specialists. As a result of their very favourable verdict "Ernie" Bevin has ceased to worry about his health.

Instead he has left the worrying to his doctor, a shy little Scot of 60 years—Dr. Alexander McCall. When Mr. Bevin came to Moscow Dr. McCall accompanied him. Every problem that arises here that gives the Foreign Minister special worry, disturbs his health in any way, will be Dr. McCall's problem.

Lot Of Worry

"Hard work—yes," said the doctor, "but no overwork." Yet Mr. Bevin these days is giving his Scottish doctor a lot to worry about. For the Cabinet's hardest worked Minister allows himself little respite. He seldom gets to bed before early morning, and Dr. McCall has only just steered him through a long course of Peace Treaties, United Nations problems, and foreign affairs debates.

Dr. McCall first met Ernest Bevin six years ago and has been his personal doctor ever since. They share in common a keen in-

Schacht On Trial

Nuremberg, Apr. 5.

The denazification trial of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht—former Nazi finance expert who was acquitted at the war crimes trial here—due to start in Stuttgart next Wednesday will move to Nuremberg a week later to enable the court to hear evidence from four prosecution witnesses whose entry into Stuttgart has been banned by the United States authorities.

The banned witnesses are Franz von Papen, former Nazi diplomat who was also acquitted at the war crimes trial; Lutz Graf Schwerin von Krosigk, former State Secretary; and General Hjalmar, former Military Adviser to Hitler.

Schacht is accused under the denazification law by which all people in the Reich Government taking part in Nazi tyranny and those who played a leading role in the maintenance of the Nazi system can be punished.

Dr. Wolfgang Schwemmer, Schacht's counsel for defence, said that Schacht was unwilling to burden "his many friends abroad" by calling them as witnesses and was convinced that he had a good chance of being acquitted.—Reuter.

British Talks With Russia

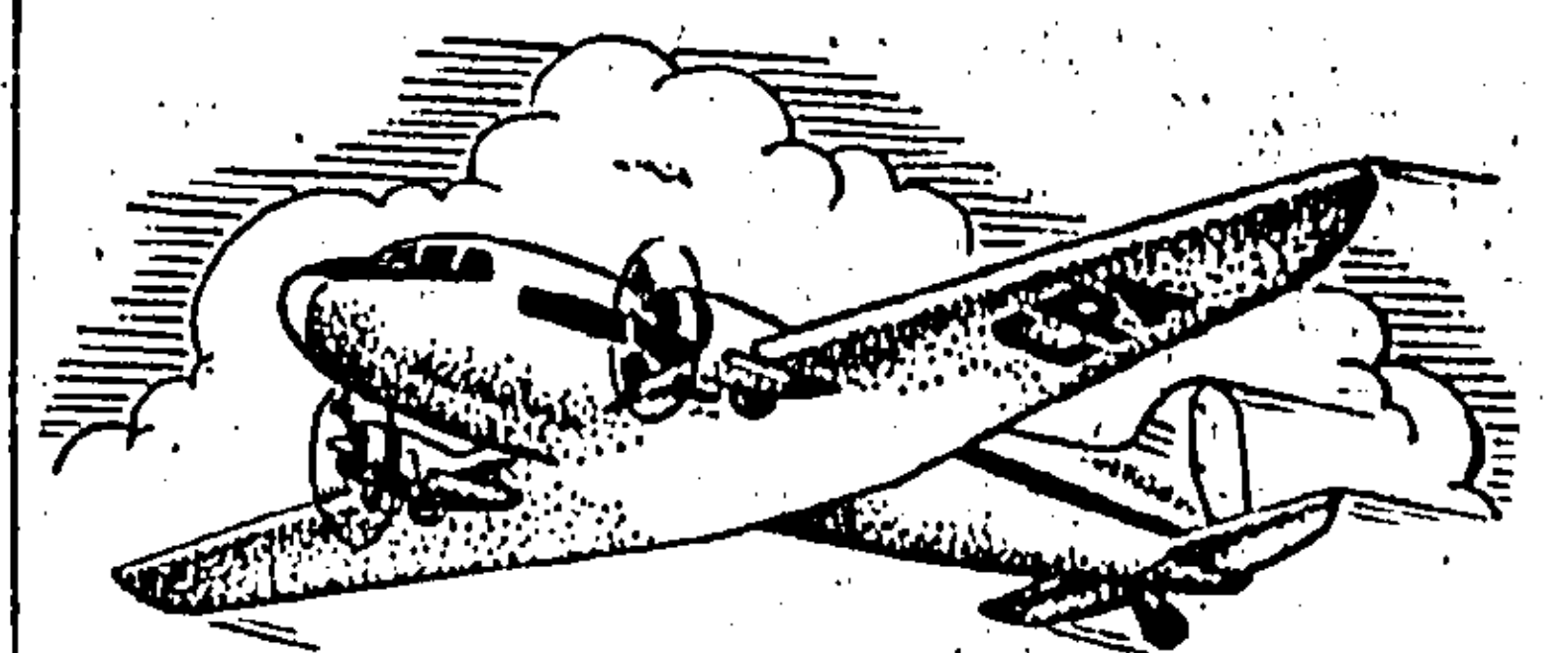
Moscow, Apr. 5.

When the Anglo-Russian treaty revision talks are resumed here next Tuesday it is believed that both sides will produce draft texts known to be ready with both sides and will try to hammer out a common text for the revised Treaty of Alliance.

The general feeling among delegates and observers here is that the Moscow meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers—estimated earlier to end about April 15—is now likely to last longer.

If it does, it would allow, among other things, more time for completion of the treaty revision negotiations which have been held up due to the fact that Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, Deputy Foreign Minister and chief Russian negotiator, has been unable so far to devote regular time to this subject owing to his commitments in various committees of the Council.—Reuter.

The American office in Potsdam will include 16 officers and enlisted men. Officials here did not know how large the Russian office at Frankfurt would be. The new Russian office will cover up to 100 officers and



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BRITISH SHIPYARDS GOING FULL BLAST

Outstrip America By Two To One

New York, Apr. 6.—British shipyards outbuilt United States yards two to one last year and currently are outstripping American builders at a rate of nine to one. The British are cashing in on post-war demand for bottoms by a sustained building programme which saw them turn out more than half the world total of 747 ocean-going ships launched in 1946, more than twice the number produced in the United States.

Statistics released by Lloyds Register in London a few days ago said the British-Irish yards produced ships last year totaling 1,133,245 gross tons, while American yards built only 501,284 gross tons. Sweden, Canada, Italy, Spain and Denmark followed the United States in that order. That Britain's long range building programme is financed by private initiative in running away from United States competition is emphasised by disclosure that British builders currently have 429 ocean-going ships on the way, while the United States yards have 49.

Hit And Miss
One New York builder declared: "While we fumble with a hit and miss policy the British are building good ships at record speed." Some American shipping men believe the British can be overtaken.

The appointment recently by President Harry Truman of a high level Advisory Committee to study American merchant marine needs and make recommendations is expected to result in a co-ordinated long range shipbuilding programme, something the United States never has had in peacetime. Heretofore, almost all United States shipbuilding has been sporadic or geared to national emergencies.

In the year that World War I began, the United States built only 24 ships but turned out 680 in 1919. In 1939 America built 28 ships. Under war emergency, production by 1944 had climbed to 1,463. America emerged from the war with the biggest fleet of ocean-going vessels in history.

Bad Deficit
Under United States registry on V. J. Day were 5,800 ships, 61 per cent of all sea-going in the world. A great bulk of these, however, were cargo ships and tankers and there was a dangerous deficit in passenger vessels. This deficit was highlighted by a recent disclosure that only 91 passenger ships of all types are now under United States registry with many of these undergoing reconstruction not available for service. Actually only 21 passenger ships at present are operating under the American flag with a total capacity of 4,359 passengers. In 1939, America had 162

Huge Coal Losses In Germany

Two hundred and fifty thousand miners were back at work today. The pits had been idle for two days—on Thursday the men staged a one day strike as a protest against the shortage of food and yesterday the pits were closed because of the Easter holiday.

Officials of the North German Coal Control Organisation, which is responsible for Ruhr coal production, said that they were surprised by the high attendance at the pits today because attendance on Easter Saturday morning is not normally perfect and they were expecting only between fifty and seventy per cent.

Observers pointed out that even with normal conditions 500,000 tons of coal would be lost because of the coal strike and unofficial stoppages. Between two and three months would be needed to return to normal, following the loss of 1,000,000 tons of coal resulting from the combined effects of strikes and Easter holidays. There have been no reports of new hunger demonstrations and

BRITISH TROOPS ATTACKED?

London, Apr. 5.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens said today that according to a Greek source a detachment of British troops was attacked in Macedonia last Thursday by guerrillas. There were no further details—United Press.

yards "have taken competitive advantage," one American builder said. J. M. Williams, General Manager of Bethlehem Steel's Shipbuilding Division, declared: "The shipping industry in this country is virtually on the rocks. Unless there is clarification in the government's programme it is almost certain that when 1948 begins there will be no merchant shipbuilding in any shipyard in the United States."

After the first world war the policy of selling American ships to foreign countries was discouraged but under a revision of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946 the United States has been selling hundreds of ships to all corners.

Lewis Luckenbach, President of the American Shipping Bureau, declared recently "what we need is backing of our government to spend a few million dollars annually instead of billions at a time because billions accomplish little when compared with millions spent prudently over years."—Associated Press.

Lion Men Murders

Arrests

Dar-es-Salaam, Apr. 5.—Police headquarters here announced today the arrest of 26 men and women on suspicion of implication in "Lion Men" murders which have terrorised the Singida district for several months.

At least 40 Africans have been killed and the police state that they have conclusive evidence that 23 of the killings were the work of "Lion Men" who, clothed in lion skins, slash their victims with knives to give the impression of an attack by lions. They are believed to have acted on the orders of witch doctors. Of those arrested, 11 have been committed for trial and the remainder will shortly be appearing before the Singida magistrates for preliminary examination. More arrests may be made in the near future, the police declared.—Reuter.

Co-Ops On Foreign Policy

Illandudno, Apr. 6.—A resolution stating that British foreign policy was "placing the people of Britain in extreme dependence on the United States of America," was defeated at the annual conference of the Cooperative Society.

"The present policy," said the resolution, "is placing the people of Britain in extreme dependence on the United States of America and can only perpetuate friction between Britain and America on the one hand and the Soviet Union on the other, resulting in a possible drift to war and economic chaos." The vote was 3,412,000 against and 3,254,000 for, with delegates registering the wishes of most of the membership claimed by the Society. It is affiliated in some districts with the Labour Party.—Associated Press.

Indonesian Trade With India

New Delhi, Apr. 5.—An Indonesian economic fact-finding mission will shortly visit India to examine the possibilities of developing trade relations, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Premier, told Reuter to-day.

Dr. Sjahrir, who arrived here on March 31 to attend the Inter-Asian Conference, indicated that the arrival of the mission will be the first step towards implementation of a commercial treaty between Indonesia and India.

Commenting on Indonesian diplomatic relations with other countries, Dr. Sjahrir said that technicalities of an economic and military nature have to be settled between the Dutch and Indonesians before direct diplomatic relations are established between the independent Indonesian Republic and other countries. "It is very understandable that many countries which have had long relations with the Dutch should be cautious in granting us recognition," Dr. Sjahrir said.

"Until the United States of Indonesia has complete sovereignty in 1949, other powers will not want to feel that they are interfering."

Asked about the prospects of an amicable settlement with the Netherlands, Dr. Sjahrir said: "I am hopeful. One thing is clear—neither the Dutch nor ourselves want to go on fighting. Everything would be all right, he added, "if the Dutch really carry out to the last detail the constructive possibilities of the newly signed agreement."—Reuter.

A reliable source said today that the Government of India was expected to announce its recognition within a few days of the new Indonesian Republic.—Associated Press.

EASTER OF SUFFERING

London, Apr. 6.—Scribbles and suffering are still the rule from the Balkans to Britain in this second Easter since the war.

Hymns will be sung Sunday in some churches still surrounded by bomb ruins. "For most people there will not be eggs for breakfast not to speak of the festively coloured Easter eggs."

Chocolate rabbits and lambs will be just luxuries to be remembered from happier days before the war.

Even potatoes are scarce in Britain. Women stood in lines before the war to buy vegetables and fruits and there were not enough to meet the demand.—Associated Press.

VIRAGOES FIGHT IN HOUSE

Sofia, Apr. 5.—Half-pulling women deputies of Government parties hauled opposition colleague Elizabeth Antonova from the rostrum today and threw her out because she criticised relief credits for anti-Fascist fighters as being too high.

The feminine brawl touched off a general row for all which drove the opposition deputies out of the chamber. Opposition deputies called the incident an "unprecedented terror" against the opposition people's representatives.—United Press.

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SECOND DAY OF EASTER RACES

(By "Rapier")

The Second Day of the Easter Meeting commences today at 2.00 p.m. with eight events, the most important of which is the Easter Handicap. It is an event for "A" Class Australian ponies with Bashful Beauty, winner of Brisbane Spring Handicap last Saturday, barred.

First Race

Son Watt Handicap (Unofficial): From the 1 1/2 Mile Post.

The opening race is confined to Hong Kong Services Race Club ponies. For coming in third last Saturday in the Easter Handicap (Unofficial)—Once Round, Nigger (Mr. Nigglesworth) has been penalized by 3 lbs. but as this is a sprint event I don't think it can win. Although it ran unplaced in this same race, Jackie (Mr. Bruce) is the best bet here. On that occasion it ran off into a lead, and it was only when it reached the two mile post that it was beaten. Should Mr. Bruce succeed in getting off to a good start, Jackie will be most difficult to catch. Autumn Rose (Mr. Hodgman) does not seem to be its usual self, but should it reveal some of its old form it will prove dangerous. For an outsider I recommend Mayfair, which will be taken care of by Mr. Parsons.

Second Race

St. Kilda Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by first section "C" Class Australian ponies, and judging from its win in the Caulfield Handicap (Third Section)—One Mile at the 3rd Extra Meeting, Emeraldella (Yuen) has the best recommendation for a win. Happy Valley (Mr. Hodgman) although given top-weight of 150 lbs. is quite at home over this longer distance and will probably extend its above pony.

(Mr. R. K. C. Chui) has won two races in successive meetings over short distances and as it is exceptionally fit at the moment should not be disregarded. The pony is good enough to last out this distance and win. Argus (Mr. Miu) has been coming along very nicely, but I don't think it will be dangerous against the above-mentioned ponies.

Third Race

Broken Hill Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for first section "B" Class Australian ponies, gives me the impression that Lily (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) in view of its win in the Oakleigh Plate (Second Section) over the mile at the First Extra stands a very good chance of annexing this race as it has been specially reserved by its connections for this meeting. White Dragon (Mr. Yuen), winner of the Bonarba Handicap (First Section) from the 1 1/2 Mile Post with Mr. Chui, up at the Fourth Extra, has been improving over medium distances, so much so that I think it will give Lily a good fight in this race. Hurricane (Mr. Ostroff) has also shown that it is dependable for places and may pop up again for a place this afternoon, leaving Elmer (Mr. Hodgman) as the outsider.

Fourth Race

Wallaby Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by novice jockeys and they will be given mounts on "D" Class Australian ponies and unclassified non-starters prior to this meeting. Eastern Diamond (Mr. Newman) came in second to Blue Queen in the Murray Stakes (Second Section)—Six Furlongs last Saturday and at that performance should have no difficulty in winning. The only danger comes from Normandy (Mr. Rowlands), the best backed pony in this above race last Saturday. Although unplaced it ran well until rounding the bend when it swerved out and lost its chance of winning. It may redeem itself this afternoon if it does not lose out again for the third position Kelly (Mr. Wong), Peggy (Mr. Miu) and Lola Bapala (Mr. Castro) will fight out the issue.

Fifth Race

Easter Handicap: One And One Mile.

This is the principal race of the day, and is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies and will be in the nature of a return bout between Norm, Queen (Mr. Ostroff) and Alce (Mr. Newman). The last time these two ponies met in the Wallaby Handicap one mile, Norm Queen was defeated by Alce. Born with Mr. Black up by 3/4 length. Today Norm Queen is giving the above pony a less and, with the distance longer, it should revenge its last defeat by Alce. Born. However, these two should again battle out the issue for the first position. Bookmakers will have a choice in the jockey department with Mr. Ph. up and will probably give the above two ponies a good fight, but I cannot see it ending. As an outsider I recommend Delly (Mr. Parsons) to come.

Selections For Today (By "Rapier")

- Race No. 1.
Jackie
Autumn Rose
Outsider: Mayfair.
- Race No. 2.
Emeraldella
Happy Valley
National Congress
Outsider: Argus.
- Race No. 3.
Lily
White Dragon
Hurricane
Outsider: Elmer.
- Race No. 4.
Eastern Diamond
Normandy
Kelly
Outsider: Penny.
- Race No. 5.
Nurse Queen
Air Horse
Sookunpa
Outsider: Daisy Bell.
- Race No. 6.
Red Fox
Lucky Strike
Wudonga
Outsider: Cooper.
- Race No. 7.
Canary
Flying Arrow
Crown Witness
Outsider: Hoi Polloi.
- Race No. 8.
Souvenir
Hostile Witness
Burge
Outsider: Emperors Gate.

Philips Decision Upheld

London, Apr. 6.

Britain's Boxing Board of Control has upheld the verdict of referee Peter Muir (Glasgow), who in a recent bout for the Empire Featherweight Championship, handed a points decision to Al Phillips of Aldgate, over the coloured boxer, Cliff Anderson of British Guiana.

The Board, in an official announcement said that the referee's score and weight card were placed before it, and stewards who saw the fight also gave reports verbally.

It was unanimously agreed, the Board said, that Phillips be recognised as the Empire champion and that he be given the usual six months grace before being called upon to defend his title.

The referee's decision at the time created an uproar in the Albert Hall, London, and a controversy in newspapers that raged for several days.—Associated Press.

How The Jockeys Fared

The following table shows how the jockeys fared up to the first day of Easter Meeting:

Jockey	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl.
A. Ostroff	7	6	7	17
M.R. Hodgman	7	0	7	13
R.K.C. Chui	6	5	3	21
J.C. Newman	6	5	6	0
P.S. Francis	0	4	2	10
H. Matland	4	2	4	0
D. Black	4	1	0	2
C.L. Gregory	3	5	0	10
S.L. Yuen	3	3	3	19
D.G. Woo	3	2	14	4
H.C. Ph	2	0	1	4
M.M. Boycott	2	4	5	21
A.C. Ching	2	3	2	10
A.W.C. Pearn	2	1	4	0
G.D.A. Gregory	2	0	2	0
M. Rowlands	1	7	7	15
J.F. Parsons	1	0	4	0
A.R. Denholm	1	0	3	0
J.S. Griffith	1	0	1	7
L.S. Miu	0	5	5	7
O.R. Sidick	0	1	0	11
J. Duckworth	0	0	1	5
A.R. Gurney	0	0	1	1
S.L. Lee	0	0	1	1
W.A. Humphreys	0	0	1	1
Wang	0	0	1	1
C.D. Jones	0	0	1	7
E.P.D. Bruce	0	0	2	0
L.J. Pearson	0	0	3	0
Ho Hong Ping	0	0	2	0
Harold C. Leung	0	0	3	0
P.H. Pary	0	0	3	0
R.M. Wood	0	0	3	0
G.D. Jones	0	0	3	0
R.M. Blusson	0	0	3	0

Folkstone, Apr. 6.

England defeated France by two goals to one in a men's hockey international here today and thus maintained their record of supremacy, unbeaten since the inception of the series in 1907.

Great Fight At Twickenham

London, Apr. 5.

The great fight at Twickenham ended in a draw the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force each scoring a goal, so that if they beat the Army in next week's match the Navy will share the Inter-Services Rugby Union championship with the Royal Air Force.

When, with the help of a strong wind the Navy failed to score before the interval, the airmen looked likely to win, particularly when they took the lead early in the second half, but the Navy never gave up trying and a draw at five points each was a fair result.

Chief honours went to the forwards, among whom Horsfall and Beamish of the Air Force and Bell, Goodman and Vaughan, for the Navy were often prominent. Both sets of backs defended splendidly but over-keenness resulted in many mistakes.

Towell scored for the Air Force, Lloyd-Davies, a grand fullback, converting, while Vaughan ended a dribble from half-way with a Navy try. Hastings placing the goal.

Heavy rain and waterlogged pitches, which caused several Rugby Union club matches either to be abandoned or curtailed, made this Easter Saturday's outing memorable for many clubs, particularly those on tour.

Conditions Fierce

St. Mary's Hospital, on holiday in Cornwall, met Penryn, where conditions proved so deplorable that the match was given up after 25 minutes with no score.

At Llanelli the Welsh team's encounter with Nunentun lasted little longer, finally being abandoned shortly after the interval. Pontypool and Northampton decided to play short time but with players becoming so mud-spattered as to be unrecognisable the referee stopped play in the 30th minute.

Unconverted tries by Pearce and Green in the first half were

the only scores by Bristol, and Leicester, their opponents, failed to score. Here again the proceedings were curtailed.

Coventry did most of the attacking against Waterloo but could only win 8-6. In spite of a five point lead at the interval London Welsh failed to maintain their advantage in the second half, Gloucester running out winners 615. W. C. Jones, the Glamorgan cricketer, kicked a decisive second half penalty goal for Gloucester.

Results were: Richmond 12 Guy's Hospital 5, Rosslyn Park 40 Blackheath 5, Aberavon 0 Newbridge 0, Bath 6 London Scottish 3, Birkenhead Park 5 North of Ireland 19, Bridgend 5 Crosskeys 0, Bristol 6 Leicester 0, Cardiff 5, Barbarians 8, Cheltenham 6 Sale 5, Coventry 8 Waterloo 6, Calmouth 5, Old Paulines 3, Gloucester 6, London Welsh 5, Hartlepool 6, Rovers 17, Old Millhillians 3, Llanelli 8 Nunentun 0, North 0, Manxeter 0, (abandoned halftime), New Brighton 6, Hendingsly 3, Newport 8, Devonport Services 0, Penryn 0 St. Mary's Hospital 0, (abandoned after 25 minutes), Plymouth Albion 6, Old Merchant Taylors 5, Pontypool 0 Northampton 0, (abandoned halftime), Redruth 0 Wasps 0, Stroud 6 Universities Athletic Union 6, Swansea 3, Harlequins 3, Taunton 0, Birmingham 4, Torquay Athletic 9 U.C.S. Old Boys 0, Barnstaple 6 Old Cornleghans 0, Bedford 8, Moseley 0, Bridgwater and Albion 0, Notts 3.

Rugby League results: Batley 0, Leeds 3, Bramley 8 Rochdale Hornets 11, Castleford 4 Dewsbury 12, Huddersfield 2 Wigan 3, Hull 18 Featherstone Rovers 8, Hunslet 6 Bradford Northern 3, Keighley 4 Oldham 0, Leigh 16, Liverpool Stanley 2, Salford 9, Swinton 3, St. Helens 6, Warrington 10, Wakefield Trinity 0, Hull Kingston Rovers 6, Widnes 3, Barrow 0, Workington 0, Halifax 3, (abandoned halftime), York 3, Belle Vue Rangers 19.—Reuter.

Liberation Cup Match

In the first of a series of three matches to be played annually for the Liberation Cup presented by Mr. Ezra Abraham, President of Kowloon Cricket Club, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club defeated the Kowloon Cricket Club lawn bowlers by 146 shots to 112 at Cox's Path yesterday.

With the exception of F. A. Goodwin's foursome, the Home links came out second-best in their tussle with the visitors. The best game was that between F. Madar's team and A. Hall's four. Down by seven shots in the 18th hole, the Home players scored a two in each of the remaining three holes to lose by the single shot in 33.

The rink skipped by J. McKelvie (K.B.C.C.) registered the highest score of the match, 35 to their opponents' 16. The winning team chalked up a six on the 13th hole, followed by an eight on the 16th.

Taken by and large, the games were very keenly contested with the players showing their best form.

Full scores were as follows:

K.C.C.	K.B.C.C.
W. J. Howard	T. G. Robertson
V. Lubrum	F. H. Williamson
H. C. Dowman	R. Morrison
F. A. Goodwin	A. Handle
(Skip)	(Skip)
A. C. Tribble	H. Lammett
F. E. Skinner	V. C. Dixon
T. Lock	C. Cough
M. N. Rakusen	J. C. Alken
(Skip)	(Skip)
H. Glittins	L. Coombes
J. W. Bailey	H. Nish
J. H. Leonard	F. A. Cheeseman
A. E. P. Guest	L. Guy
(Skip)	(Skip)
Wm. C. Hung	E. F. Pope
L. Bonas	H. F. Shields
J. S. Landolt	J. F. McGowan
E. C. Fincher	J. McKelvie
(Skip)	(Skip)
W. Chubb	R. F. Phillips
E. E. Lawrence	J. Meyer
J. Orem	J. Newton
T. Madar	A. Hall
(Skip)	(Skip)
G. Lee	C. Greenwood
N. J. Buntington	L. R. Whant
A. L. Eustman	G. E. Thompson
R. W. Can	L. Blythe
(Skip)	(Skip)

SCATHING ATTACK BY CHURCHILL

(Continued from Page 1)

which now they admit were not necessary in the public interest? This is another example of the policy of scuttle before anything that looks difficult or fierce which has characterized the Socialist Government administration which, in less than two years, has reduced us from our Victory Day glory to our present confusion and disrepute. It exposes for all to see the weakness and incompetence of the Socialist Government in all matters affecting the life of the nation, great or small, at home or abroad.—United Press.

Alexander's Reply

Llandudno, Apr. 6.

The Government's decision to reduce the period of conscription from 18 to 12 months was taken after further consultation with the chiefs of staff, the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, declared here today in reply to Mr. Winston Churchill, the leader of the Opposition and the wartime Premier, who last night strongly criticized the decision in the conscription period.

Addressing the annual conference of the Co-Operative Party, Mr. Alexander stated: "It is quite true that 18 months was the period on which we were in agreement with the military experts as to what was the most highly desirable and necessary length of time. But in the light of the debate in the House of Commons we have taken the decision to reduce the period after consulting the chiefs of staff."

The Defence Minister, who was speaking on a resolution asking the Government to suspend progress on the conscription Bill, until the question of disarmament was settled by the United Nations, maintained that no government in the world more than Britain had tried conscientiously to make the UNO a success and to get the peace treaties concluded.

"We prefer our word we will continue with all strength and with all the capacity we may possess for the international organization being made into a success. It is asked the delegates in the peace conference which is in progress, whether we will let the Government—Reuter.

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First Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackpool	34	21	6	7	63	47	42
Wolves	32	21	4	7	41	46	42
Stoke City	34	18	0	16	74	47	36
Manchester U.	33	18	0	15	70	47	36
Liverpool	34	18	0	16	74	48	36
Middlesbrough	33	17	1	15	70	49	34
Preston N.E.	34	16	0	18	60	60	32
Aston Villa	34	16	0	18	61	61	32
Barnsley	34	16	0	18	61	61	32
Birmingham	34	16	0	18	61	61	32
Sheff. U.	34	16	0	18	61	61	32
Chelsea	33	15	0	18	60	60	30
Portsmouth	32	15	0	17	53	48	30
Hull W.	32	15	0	17	53	48	30
Blackburn	34	14	0	20	58	62	28
Derby County	32	14	0	18	51	61	28
Everton	33	12	0	21	44	61	24
Arsenal	33	11	0	22	40	67	22
Charlton	33	11	0	22	40	67	22
Huddersfield	34	10	0	24	47	74	20
Brentford	33	9	0	24	42	74	18
Leeds United	32	6	0	26	30	69	12

Second Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester C.	33	22	7	4	66	27	52
Burnley	33	18	12	3	49	32	48
Hillingham	34	19	4	11	59	29	42
Newcastle	32	16	7	9	48	33	35
West Brom.	32	16	6	10	66	24	34
Souths	33	14	10	9	65	45	32
Chesham	31	13	9	9	36	33	25
Leicester C.	32	15	4	13	51	51	31
Southampton	32	12	7	13	58	57	31
Luton Town	34	12	6	16	42	61	28
Fulham	30	12	6	12	53	54	30
Barnsley	33	12	7	14	61	69	31
Coventry C.	31	9	11	11	44	49	29
Southend	32	12	6	14	48	57	31
Plymouth	32	12	5	15	56	74	29
Notts Forest	31	11	6	14	62	69	29
West Ham U.	31	12	4	15	62	68	28
Millwall	31	11	4	16	43	62	26
Barnet	31	10	5	16	41	61	25
Bradford	32	9	8	15	43	63	23
Swansea	32	8	8	16	51	73	22
Newport	32	8	8	16	51	73	22
Wendford	31	6	2	23	44	107	14

Third Division South

Cardiff City	33	23	5	6	70	23
Q. P. Rangers	34	21	7	6	77	40
Hristol City	31	17	7	7	63	41
Swindon Town	35	16	9	10	73	60
Bournemouth	33	16	9	9	68	59
Ipswich Town	33	15	11	7	48	40
Exeter City	34	14	8	12	56	52
Reading	34	18	9	7	64	44
Bournemouth	33	14	6	13	61	47
Walsley	32	12	9	11	61	47
Port Vale	32	13	7	12	53	50
Hristol R.	33	13	7	13	48	64
Watford	33	14	4	15	72	72
Brighton-Hove	30	12	12	10	44	53
Torquay U.	33	11	9	13	44	53
Gr. Palace	34	12	7	15	40	51
Notts County	32	11	6	15	50	52
Northampton	32	11	6	15	53	62
Oxford U.	33	12	9	12	44	53
Manfield	31	10	8	16	43	63
Aldershot	32	8	8	16	40	67
Norwich C.	36	8	6	22	51	01